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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, UR, US
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR DEATH OF RUDOLPH HESS

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1. WOULD EMBASSY MOSCOW OR DEPARTMENT BE ABLE TO COMMENT
ON LEGAL POINT IMPORTANT IN RESOLUTION OF HESS CONTINGENCY
PLANNIN, NAMELY, WHAT SOVIET LAW CALLS FOR AFTER EXECU-
TION OF LIFE SENTENCE? ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF WESTERN
JURISPRUDENCE STATES THAT PUNISHMENT WILL NOT BE PRUSUED
AFTER THE GRAVE. IS THERE ANY SUCH PRINCIPLE IN SOVIET
LAW? IN PARTICULAR, WHAT DISPOSITION IS MADE OF BODIES
OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED IN PRISON WHILE SERVING LIFE
SENTENCE?

2. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY NOT MAKE OUTSIDE INQUIRIES
AS SOVIETS WOULD QUICKLY REALIZE THEIR PURPOSE. HOW-
EVER, IF EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS WITH WHICH TO REPLY TO
QUESTION, DEPARTMENT WILL DOUBTLESS BE AWARE OF EXPERTS
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CONVERSANT WITH SOVIET LAW TO WHOM IT MIGHT TURN ON
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